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ROLE OF EC-NINE

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1. INFORMAL CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN EC-NINE AND NATO-FIFTEEN AT GENEVA HAVE BEEN GENERALLY SATISFACTORY, AND, WE BELIEVE, HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO WESTERN SOLIDARITY IN CSCE. MILITARY ASPECTS, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN REGARDED AS SUBJECTS PRIMARILY FOR CONSULTATION WITHIN THE NATO CAUCUS, AND THE NINE HAVE NOT UNTIL RECENTLY HELD THEIR OWN CAUCUSES ON THESE SUBJECTS.

2. FRG REP HAS NOW INFORMED US THAT EC-NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS RECENTLY DECIDED THAT THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON MILITARY SECURITY AFFORDED PROMISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROMOTING INTEGRATION AMONG THE NINE. HE GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE HOLDING OF TWO RECENT CAUCUSES OF THE NINE NATIONS' REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SUB-COMMITTEE WERE INDICATIVE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, CAUCUSES OF THIS TYPE HAD BEEN RARE PRIOR TO THE HOLIDAY RECESS. THE FRG MAINTAINED THAT DISCUSSIONS AT THESE CAUCUSES HAD BEEN INSIGNIFICANT AND THAT, IN PARTICULAR, THERE HAD BEEN NO DETAILED DELIBERATIONS ON THE UK DRAFT CBM RESOLUTION.

3. AS DEPT IS AWARE, THE POSITIONS OF THE NINE ON A NUMBER OF MAJOR CBM ISSUES ARE AT VARIANCE WITH OURS AND, IN SOME CASES WITH THOSE OF NATO FLANK STATES SUCH AS TURKEY AND NORWAY. THE TURKS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS TO US ABOUT THE SOLID FRONT WHICH THE NINE PUT UP AGAINST TURKISH AMENDMENTS TO THE UK DRAFT. CANADIANS HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED TO US MISGIVINGS CONCERNING THE NINE'S ACTIVITIES AND THE LACK OF INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR CAUCUSES. WE, TOO, HAVE BEEN RECEIVING ONLY SCANTY AND FRAGMENTARY ACCOUNTS OF THOSE MEETINGS; THE SYSTEM AGREED TO BY THE NINE OF HAVING THE BELGIANS BRIEF US ABOUT THEIR CAUCUSES HAS WORKED IMPERFECTLY DESPITE THE BELGIAN REP'S GOOD INTENTIONS.

4. AFTER LEARNING THAT THE NINE WERE GOING TO MEET FEB 8 TO DISCUSS TACTICS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S WORK, WE CONVENED A SUBSEQUENT CAUCUS OF THE NATO 15 TO DISCUSS THE SAME TOPIC.

AT THIS CAUCUS, US REP

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STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH WE ATTACHED TO CAUCUSES OF TO 15 NATO ALLIES AND POINTED OUT THAT THEY AFFORD A PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE AND APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR CONCERTING OUR EFFORTS AND FOR DEALING WITH EXISTING GVAJEUNTERPART HERE OF THE POLAD AND SPC MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS TO WHICH WE AS ALLIES LOOK FOR GUIDANCE AND COORDINATION REGARDING THE MILITARY SECURITY MATTERS WITH WHICH WE ARE DEALING. US

REP ADDED THAT WE ALSO RECOGNIZED THE CONSTRUCTIVE TOLERANCE WHICH THE NINE COULD PLAY IN OUR SUB-COMMITTEE IN THE COMMON OBJECTIVES AND HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MEANS WOULD BE FOUND TO KEEP OTHER NATO ALLIES INFORMED OF THE NINE'S DELIVERATION ON SUB-COMMITTEE MATTERS ON A SYSTEMATIC AND TIMELY BASIS.

5. IN BRIEF ENSUING DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER, CANADIAN AND GREEK REPS ENDORSED US REMARKS, AS DID NORWEGIAN WHO WENT ON TO AGREE WITH BELGIAN REP THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY SPECIFIC COMPLAINT ABOUT THE NINE'S ACTIVITIES. FRENCH REP SAID THE GROUP OF NINE WAS A FACT OF LIFE THAT HAD TO BE ACCEPTED BUT HE STRESSED THAT THE NINE'S CAUCUSES HAD NOT AND WOULD NOT IMPEDE CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION AMONG THE 15 AS A WHOLE. FRG AND DUTCH REPS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE NATO CAUCUSES MORE FREQUENTLY AND WE ANTICIPATE THAT THEY WILL IN FUTURE BE HELD MORE REGULARLY, ON A WEEKLY BASIS AT LEAST. PRIVATELY, FRG REP, WHO IS CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE EC-NINE CAUCUS, HAS ASSURED US THAT HE WILL KEEP US FULLY BRIEFED ABOUT THE GROUP'S FURTHER MEETINGS. DALE

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